

**NETWORK SERVICES BROKER SYSTEM AND METHOD****ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5           A system and method for providing network applications access to  
service functionality available via one or more networks or network terminals is  
provided. The method includes providing at least one network service broker  
logically between one or more network infrastructures and a service provision  
infrastructure operating on top of the network infrastructures. A loosely-coupled  
10 interface of the network service broker is exposed to the service provision  
infrastructure. Access by the network applications to value-added services within the  
network infrastructures is facilitated via the loosely-coupled network service broker  
interface.

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